

1993 FATAL VICTIMS UNDER FOUR YEARS OF AGE

From January through December 1993 there was a total of 48 children under four years of age killed in traffic collisions. In 18 of the deaths, no safety seat was present; 5 were killed when a safety seat was available but not used; 11 were in incorrectly used safety seats; 3 were in adult safety belts; and only 8 were in safety seats that were correctly used. (In the other 3 fatalities, safety seats were not a factor.)

In the collision summaries, a star (*) after the date indicates that the victim was Hispanic or had an Hispanic surname. 46% of the fatal victims (22) were in this category.

VICTIMS BY YEAR

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>KILLED</u>	<u>INJURED</u>
1993	48	4,357
1992	59	4,705
1991	70	4,793
1990	64	5,109
1989	43	5,102
1988	60	4,855
1987	66	4,792
1986	50	4,212
1985	53	4,050
1984	57	4,177
1983	60	4,273
1982	46	4,679
1981	58	4,716
1980	47	4,652

27360 CITATIONS (CHP ONLY)

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1993	18,797
1992	21,578
1991	24,161
1990	21,476
1989	18,420
1988	15,196
1987	15,473
1986	12,620
1985	14,593
1984	11,879
1983	6,315*

*(1983 CITES STARTED 4/1/83)

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[The following is the format for the information contained in these reports.]

DATE TIME/CITY/COUNTY/. VICTIM. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT.
RESTRAINT USE

JANUARY

- 16* Uninc./Riverside/1700. 3-YR-OLD FEMALE & 1-YR-OLD MALE. DUI (0.18%) driver (father) attempted to ford a flooded stream and vehicle was swept away. *Safety seat not a factor.*
NO SAFETY SEAT/NOT A FACTOR

FEBRUARY

- 09* Long Beach/Los Angeles/2324. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (mother) fell asleep and allowed her vehicle to drift off the roadway and collide with a palm tree. Child was in a safety seat in the right front passenger position. The father was lying in the rear seat and not using a safety belt. *The collision threw the father into the rear of the front seats with such impacted that it forced the safety seat into the dashboard inflicting fatal injuries to the child.*
SAFETY SEAT
- 14 Uninc./Merced/1914. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver attempted to cross an intersection and was struck broadside. Safety seat was present but *child had been removed from it so a sweater could be put on her*. Child was ejected from vehicle and suffered fatal injuries.
SAFETY SEAT PRESENT BUT NOT USED

MARCH

- 14* Uninc./Imperial/1630. 3-YR-OLD MALE. DUI driver (father) allowed his vehicle to drift onto the shoulder of the roadway. He then overcorrected and swerved across the center line where the vehicle hit the second vehicle. The impact ejected the unrestrained child.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 20 San Diego/San Diego/0950. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver's (father) vehicle experienced loss of power and stalled in the middle of the freeway. A second vehicle struck the first vehicle from the rear. Child was in a safety seat but it was not properly restrained by the adult belt.
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE

MARCH (CONTINUED)

- 21* Los Angeles/Los Angeles/2050. 3-YR-OLD MALE. DUI (0.08%) driver drifted over the center line and struck second vehicle head-on. Child was a front seat passenger in the second vehicle and was riding in an adult safety belt.
ADULT BELT ONLY
- 24 Uninc./Los Angeles/2120. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Driver lost control of vehicle which left the roadway and struck a light pole. Child was sitting on an adult's lap in the left rear seat. *An adult lap belt was fastened around the adult and the child. As a result, the child was crushed by the adult's body.*
ADULT BELT ONLY
- 28 Uninc./Sonoma/0020. 2-YR-OLD MALE. DUI driver (father) lost control of his vehicle, crossed the center line and was struck broadside by oncoming vehicle. Massive impact was located at point where child was seated in a properly attached safety seat.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT

APRIL

- 07 Victorville/San Bernardino/1032. 2-YR-OLD FEMALE. Mother and child were cleaning up the garage when the child entered the parked vehicle and pulled the gear selector into neutral. As the vehicle rolled backwards down the driveway the mother yelled for the child to get out of the car. When the child complied, the vehicle was still moving and the driver's door knocked her down and the vehicle's left front wheel then ran over the child.
NO COLLISION/SAFETY SEAT NOT A FACTOR
- 19 Uninc./Shasta/1205. 3-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver attempted to make a left turn in front of oncoming traffic. Second vehicle struck first vehicle almost head-on. Child was in a safety seat but suffered fatal head injuries.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT

MAY

- 09 Los Angeles/Los Angeles/0225. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI driver drove through a red light and struck second vehicle broadside. Impact ejected unrestrained child riding in second vehicle.
NO SAFETY SEAT

MAY (CONTINUED)

- 09* Uninc./Los Angeles/2320. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (father) was operating vehicle in excess of 80 mph and lost control. Vehicle swerved off the roadway and overturned, ejecting all occupants. Mother, father and 11 day old child suffered fatal injuries. Two additional children suffered serious injuries.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 15 Uninc./Sacramento/1141. 3-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI driver had just committed a strong-arm robbery and was fleeing on surface streets at a high rate of speed when he entered an intersection with the light and struck a second vehicle which had entered the intersection against the light. Driver (mother) of the second vehicle was under the influence of methamphetamine. *Child was riding in an adult lap belt.*
ADULT BELT ONLY
- 20* Farmersville/Tulare/1150. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Child was riding in vehicle which was stopped to make a left turn. Second driver failed to notice the vehicle was stopped for a left turn and struck the rear of the vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT
- 29* Bakersfield/Kern/2021. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver drifted toward center line, overcorrected, lost control and crossed into oncoming traffic striking second vehicle. Child in second vehicle was sitting in a safety seat but *not buckled into the seat.*
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE

JUNE

- 15 San Bernardino/San Bernardino/1549. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (mother) was driving with her child sitting in a safety seat *without the seat's safety harness buckled around the child.* As they passed through an intersection a second vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign and struck their vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 18 Uninc./San Bernardino/2300. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI (0.24%) driver drifted across the center line and struck second vehicle head-on. Second vehicle was traveling 70-75 mph. Child was in second vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT

JULY

- 05* Uninc./Imperial/2015. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (mother) turned to look at baby sitting unrestrained in a safety seat in the center of the front seat. The vehicle drifted off the right side of the road and the right side passenger (father) grabbed the wheel and turned it left. Driver lost control and the vehicle left the roadway and overturned several times ejecting the unrestrained father and baby inflicting fatal injuries on both.
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 08 Los Angeles/Los Angeles/2255. 3-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI driver lost control of his vehicle, hit the center divider and came to rest in a lane of the freeway. Driver of second vehicle could not avoid hitting the first vehicle. Child was unrestrained.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 20 Hayward/Alameda/1637. 2-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver (mother) drifted into second vehicle, overcorrected colliding with several other vehicles and then crossed over the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle. Safety seat was in the vehicle but not used.
SAFETY SEAT PRESENT BUT NOT USED
- 25* Los Angeles/Los Angeles/1745. 2-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI (0.14%) father allowed vehicle to weave across lanes and strike the curb and a light pole. These impacts caused the vehicle to overturn and the unrestrained child was ejected.
SAFETY SEAT PRESENT BUT NOT USED

AUGUST

- 01* Uninc./Los Angeles/0115. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver allowed his vehicle to drift over the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle head-on. Child was in the second vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT
- 05 Uninc./Siskiyou/0610. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (father) overtook a semi-truck trailer, struck the rear tire of the trailer, then left the roadway and overturned ejecting the child.
SAFETY SEAT PRESENT BUT NOT USED

AUGUST (CONTINUED)

- 14 Uninc./Lake/1400. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (father) had placed his child in a safety seat but failed to fasten the restraint straps snugly. While driving, the *child slid out from under the straps* and opened the left rear door while the vehicle was turning. The child was run over by the vehicle's rear tire.
IMPROPER USE/NO COLLISION
- 15 Uninc./Kern/1455. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Vehicle was racing a second vehicle at a speed of at least 88 mph when the two vehicles bumped into each other. This caused one driver to lose control, cross the center divider and become airborne. This vehicle then struck a third vehicle. Massive impact resulted in all occupants of third vehicle being killed.
SAFETY SEAT

SEPTEMBER

- 03* Uninc./Sacramento/0440. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (mother) was driving on a levee road at an unsafe speed for conditions. She lost control of her vehicle and it left the roadway, overturned and landed upsidedown in the water. All vehicle occupants suffered fatal injuries.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 05* Uninc./Fresno/2343. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver (father) allowed his vehicle to drift onto the gravel shoulder of the roadway, then overcorrected, lost control and the vehicle overturned. *Child was on her mother's lap* and was ejected. There was a child safety seat in the trunk of the vehicle.
NO SAFETY SEAT

OCTOBER

- 02 Uninc./Santa Clara/1520. 1-YR-OLD MALE & 2-YR-OLD FEMALE. Vehicle's left front tire blew out causing the driver to lose control and cross over the center divider, striking second vehicle. Impact caused children in second vehicle (*who were riding in unrestrained safety seats*) to be ejected.
SAFETY SEATS/IMPROPER USE
- 02 Uninc./Merced/1800. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver was operating his vehicle at a speed in excess of 100 mph when he swerved to avoid slower traffic, lost control of his vehicle and slid into oncoming traffic. Child was in second vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT

OCTOBER (CONTINUED)

- 07* Colton/San Bernardino/1342. 3-YR-OLD MALE. Child was playing in his grandfather's vehicle which was parked in a driveway. During play the transmission lever was knocked into neutral and the vehicle rolled backwards down the driveway, across the street and over the curb. When the vehicle struck the curb, the child fell out of the driver's side door and was struck by the left front wheel.
NO COLLISION/SAFETY SEAT NOT A FACTOR
- 10* Uninc./Riverside/0813. TWO 1-YR-OLD FEMALES. DUI driver was driving pickup in the fog at a speed which was unsafe for conditions. He was unable to see several vehicles stopped because of a prior collision and struck these vehicles. *Children were riding unrestrained in the passenger area of the pickup.*
NO SAFETY SEATS
- 14* Uninc./Marin/1045. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI driver (father) lost control of vehicle and slid across center line and into oncoming vehicle. *Child was in an infant seat which had been placed in a forward facing position.*
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 14 Norwalk/Los Angeles/2200. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (father) was on freeway and decided at the last minute to take a transition road to another freeway. The driver lost control of his vehicle during this abrupt lane change. The vehicle left the roadway and flipped as it went down the embankment. The child was ejected from the vehicle.
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 24* Uninc./Riverside/0505. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver fell asleep and vehicle drifted off the roadway and overturned. *Child had been sitting on an adult's lap and was ejected.*
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 28* Los Angeles/Los Angeles/1235. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Child was passenger in a vehicle which was making a left turn at an intersection. A second vehicle attempted to go through the intersection as the light changed to yellow. Child was at the point of impact between the two vehicles.
SAFETY SEAT/MASSIVE IMPACT

NOVEMBER

- 03 Uninc./Fresno/1930. 2-YR-OLD MALE. DUI (0.13%) father allowed vehicle to drift onto shoulder of roadway, then overcorrected and lost control. Vehicle overturned ejecting the child.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 07 Uninc./Fresno/0945. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (mother) attempted to stop at a stop sign but brakes failed. Upon entering the intersection the vehicle collided with a second vehicle. Child was ejected from the first vehicle.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 13* Uninc./San Bernardino/0655. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. DUI driver (father) fell asleep and vehicle left the roadway and overturned. *Mother was in rear seat and had just finished breastfeeding the child and had not yet placed him back in child safety seat when the crash occurred.*
SAFETY SEAT PRESENT BUT NOT USED
- 13 Milpitas/Santa Clara/0957. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Vehicle entered an intersection and was struck by a second vehicle. Force of the impact caused the child to slide out from under the safety seat harness and be ejected. *Father had placed a blanket in the seat prior to putting the child in the seat.*
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 16 Uninc./Los Angeles/2058. 2-YR-OLD MALE. Driver drove vehicle around railroad crossing arms and onto tracks. Vehicle was struck by light rail train. Driver and child suffered fatal injuries - the other six vehicle occupants survived.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 19* Uninc./San Bernardino/2040. 3-YR-OLD MALE. DUI father attempted to make a left turn across the path of oncoming traffic. Vehicle was struck broadside and child was ejected.
NO SAFETY SEAT
- 30 Uninc./Kern/1920. 3-YR-OLD FEMALE. A driver who was attempting to escape from unknown assailants who were firing shots at him, entered an intersection against the red light and struck a second vehicle. Child was in second vehicle.
NO SAFETY SEAT

DECEMBER

- 06 Long Beach/Los Angeles/1527. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver (grandmother) was entering an intersection when a second vehicle turned left in front of her. Child was sitting in a safety seat but was *not buckled into the seat*.
SAFETY SEAT/IMPROPER USE
- 19 Ontario/San Bernardino/1230. 1-YR-OLD MALE. Driver lost control of vehicle when front end began to wobble. Vehicle left roadway and overturned ejecting *child who had been seated on mother's lap*.
NO SAFETY SEAT/ON ADULT'S LAP
- 26* Corcoran/Kings/2051. 1-YR-OLD FEMALE. Driver (father) drove onto railroad tracks, stopped vehicle, attempted to back off tracks and then was struck by train.
NO SAFETY SEAT

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